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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY HARBOR COMMISSION

A meeting was held on **Monday, March 11, 2013**
Clarion Hotel, 200 Main St., Green Bay, WI

- 1) The meeting was officially called to order by President McKloskey at 11:30 am.
- 2) Roll Call:

Present: President Neil McKloskey
Vice-President Craig Dickman
Commissioner Bernie Erickson
Commissioner Bryan Hyska
Commissioner Greg Flisram
Commissioner Hank Wallace
Commissioner John Hanitz
Commissioner Ron Antonneau

Excused: Commissioner Tom Klimek

Also Present: Dean Haen, Brown County P&SW
Mark Walter, Brown County P&SW
Steve Bostedt, Greenwood Fuels

- 3) Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ron Antonneau and seconded by Craig Dickman. Unanimously approved.

- 4) Approval/Modification – February 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of February 11, 2013 was made by Ron Antonneau and seconded by Bernie Erickson. Unanimously approved.

- 5) Land Lease – Request for Approval

The Department has written up a draft land lease agreement, similar to the existing leases that are currently held with Great Lakes Calcium and snow placement at Bayport. This lease would be held between Brown County and Greenwood Energy for 2 acres at 1445 Blysbay Ave. Greenwood Energy is interested in using the improved area that the Port has just finished filling. The leased area would be two acres for Greenwood Energy to store wood pellets for

\$500 a month/acre (nine months) up to December 31, 2013, then go on a month-to-month basis. The remaining leasable Blysby acreage is currently being leased to Great Lakes Calcium at \$488 a month/acre, this year going up \$25 a month.

A motion to approve the Land Lease with an increase not to exceed 4% and termination upon removal of material by Greenwood Energy and Corporation Counsel review was made by Ron Antonneau and seconded by Hank Wallace. Motion approved with Bryan Hyska Abstaining.

a) Port/Rail Intermodal Ramp “White Paper” – Update

Last year Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach announced the creation of four Economic Development Committees. The committees will focus on core county infrastructures such as port, air, rail, and waste to meet the growing needs of jobs creators and businesses looking to expand in Brown County. These core areas are key to expanding and keeping business thriving in Northeast Wisconsin.

The Port/Rail Intermodal Ramp committee united key business leaders with technical experts and local officials to develop plans to sustain and grow jobs in Brown County. The committee conducted a survey and determined there is enough container business in the area for manufacturers and the Canadian National (CN) Railroad to benefit from a Port/Rail Intermodal ramp. The survey identified approximately 80,000 container lifts in the area. With rough numbers, it costs \$500 per container to move coal from Green Bay to Chicago and \$250 to move the container back. To have a rail ramp, assemble a full unit train and have CN take it to Chicago, there would be a cost savings for our manufacturers. The first CN meeting is March 26th, 2013, to share the findings of the UWGB study and the County Executive’s “white paper”.

6) CAT Island Chain Restoration Project – Update

The Cat Island Chain wave barrier sits on an area of Green Bay lake bed granted to Brown County. Construction of the US Army Corps of Engineers’ portion of the Cat Island wave barrier continues to move forward with the placement of armor stone on both legs of the West and Central islands complete. The project is being constructed faster and with less core stone than originally expected due to favorable weather conditions and low water in the bay of Green Bay. The original project completion date of December 2015 has been moved forward to end of summer 2013. The project is ahead of schedule and under budget. Staff is working with the Corps to add design features under Brown County’s cost share responsibility. Preliminarily this may include repaving of Lineville Road, construction of an unloading facility at the east end and placement of reflective markers. Brown County met with Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation with regards to our Harbor Assistance Program grant and they are open to funding additional design features under our existing HAP grant.

7) Renard Island Closure Project – Update

The Army Corps of Engineers is going to be identifying how much money they have left from the Cat Island Project. The department will then get the Corps to figure out how much it will cost to close Renard Island. The Corps will be preparing a contract to close Renard Island over the winter of next year. The Corps will also figure into the contract how much it is to remove the causeway. Staff has requested that Foth Companies identify all Corps and County closure responsibilities from the 2005 and 2008 Closure Plans and forward to the Corps as they

prepare their contract. Staff is also preparing to hire a consultant to identify potential natural resource damages settlement funds from the Fox River clean-up project that may be available to Renard Island end-use.

8) WCPA Planning Effort – Update

The department submitted a grant application to the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program on behalf of the Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association in November of 2012. Department staff attended a WCMP grant selection meeting in February 2013 to defend the grant application. The WI Coastal Management Council had asked the department to remove all the parts of the planning process and costs that were not associated with Great Lakes Port such as Prairie Du Chein and La Crosse. The National Center for Freight and Infrastructure Research and Education (CFIRE) has already started to work with their graduate students on the initial assessment and inventory of Port facilities with those two ports as part of a graduate course at UW-Madison. The Coastal Management Program has not finalized their approval at this time.

9) Director's Report

The Great Lakes Dredging Team has planned a conference in connection with the National Department of Transportation Conference. The conference focus is on beneficial reuse of dredged material in DOT projects. The conference was March 7th and 8th; Dean Haen presented what the Port of Green Bay has done with dredged material in terms of beneficial reuse, Cat Island project, the efforts at Highway 41, and the Renard Island cover project. The intent is to promote the use of dredged material in road construction projects by state DOT Agencies.

South Bay Marina is planning on opening up more slips for rent and will be dredging up to 10,000 yards. The Corps is open to letting them place the clean material directly on Renard Island as part of the closure requirements. The intent is to make this happen within the next two to three weeks while the ground is still frozen.

Northeast Asphalt has approached the department expressing an interest in purchasing seven acres at the end of Atkinson Road outside of our active Bay Port facility that has little use to Brown County. Staff is working with Northeast Asphalt in determining a fair market value.

10) Audit of Bills – Request for Approval

A motion to approve Audit of Bills was made by Craig Dickman and seconded by Bryan Hyska. Unanimously approved.

11) Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law

None

12) Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by John Hanitz and seconded by Ron Antonneau. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 12:29 pm.